



Effective campaigning in the churches

Christian CND Annual General Meeting,

29 November 2014 in Oxford

Many Bishops and other church leaders are already 'on our side' in opposing nuclear weapons and calling for Trident to be abandoned.

But just how do you get your local church leaders involved? The local congregation? They may well think that being a 'Fair Trade Church' is as 'political' as they dare get, or maybe they feel that they have to choose one and only one campaign to be effective.

Maybe they feel that nuclear weapons are not a current issue, that they have 'gone away' somehow, or that people are mostly in favour of keeping nuclear weapons (how often have we heard in the past that nuclear disarmament is an election-loser?)

Whilst other campaigns, particularly climate change, are very important, vital even, there is no reason why people, or churches, cannot 'do' more than one issue at a time. Indeed, most of these issues are strongly linked - as our 'Link Leaflets' aim to show.

Bruce Kent, who is well-known to probably most of you, will come along to our Annual General Meeting and share his thoughts on how to campaign more effectively in the churches.

The business meeting will start at 12 noon, where we will be nominating and voting on the membership of CCND's Executive Council. There's a nomination form enclosed with this mailing. Don't be shy - nominate yourself if you feel you can offer something!

We will have a shared lunch at about 1.30 - please bring something to share.

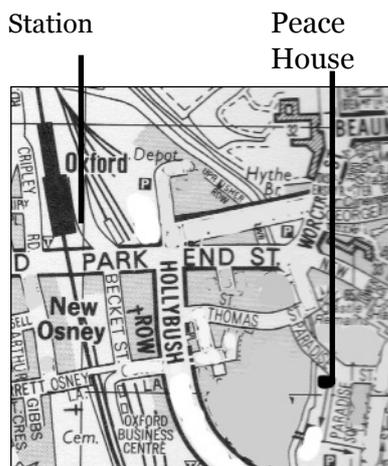
The speaker and discussion session will start around 2pm.

The venue is Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD. The building is the headquarters of Fellowship of Reconciliation England. The meeting room is on the ground floor and is wheelchair accessible. The building is a short walk from Oxford Railway station, there is limited parking outside the building.

All are welcome whether CCND members or not (membership forms will be available at the meeting!) but please note only paid-up CCND members can vote, and you would have to be a CCND member for one year before you can stand for Exec.



Peace House in Oxford



Dr Peter Nicholls

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death on 7 October, of Peter Nicholls, Chair of Abolition 2000 UK. Peter was our friend and colleague who was a fount of knowledge and supported us on our regular 'Embassies Walks'. He will be missed.

Donations to Medecins Sans Frontieres may be made in Peter's Memory to: "MSF UK" c/o East of England Co-operative Funeral Services, 33-35 Long Wyre Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1LH. Telephone 01206 767675.

24 - 30 October: UN Disarmament Week. The annual observance of Disarmament Week begins on the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, was called for to highlight the danger of the arms race, propagate the need for its cessation and increase public understanding of the urgent tasks of disarmament.
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/disarmament/index.html>

31 October: MANA - Musicians for Peace presents a Concert For Peace with The MANA Chamber Orchestra
 Tickets from: MANA, 71 Greenfield Gardens, London NW2 1HU (enclosing SAE with cheque, online at www.wegotickets.com/event/290131 (no booking fee), on the door from 7.00 pm. St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1. Queries MANA 020 8455 1030
info@mana.org.uk

9 November: 'Who will sing the anthem? Who will tell the story?' Annual Movement for the Abolition of War Remembrance Day Lecture. With Michael Morpurgo. Imperial War Museum, London at 3pm. <http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/> 02033 973019.

15th November: Commemorating the Peacemakers 1914 and 2014. A day's event offering an alternative history of WW1 and those who tried to prevent it. Keynote speaker: John Gittings, Author of 'The Glorious Art of Peace', and former Guardian journalist. 10.30am - 9.30pm, Friends Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LW, a fully accessible venue. To book a place, go to www.for.org.uk/commemorate or phone 01865 250781. To help us cover costs, we suggest a donation of £10 when you book, lunch and refreshments are included. For more information about the day's programme, contact commemoration@oxfordquakers.org

25 November: WHO RULES THE WORLD? - Flashpoints and Power Rivalries from Europe to Far East. Uniting for Peace Annual Conference. Speakers include

Lord Frank Judd, Vijay Mehta, and others. Committee Room 4a, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Contact: Vijay Mehta vijay@vmpeace.org, 0207 790 1999 (London Office) Brian Cooper: 0131 446 9545 (Scotland Office).

6-7 December: ICAN Civil Society Forum in Vienna, Austria. <http://goodbyenuk.es/>

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Christian CND AGM

This year's AGM will be at Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD.

Our special guest speaker will be Bruce Kent.

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24 January: Wrap up Trident. Demo with the peace scarf, winding from the Westminster Parliament to MoD along Whitehall and filling Parliament Sq, where there will be music and a few speeches. After the general election the whole of the peace scarf will be turned into blankets, as Wool Against Weapons decided. But because the peace scarf was such an amazing visual statement against Trident, Wool Against Weapons, Action AWE and CND are inviting everyone to use it as a peace resource, to WRAP UP AND SCRAP TRIDENT. More details later.
<http://www.woolagainstweapons.co.uk/>

CCND goods

Pack of 24 A4 sheets of Interfaith quotations £1 a pack
 CCND stickers 10 stickers for 50p, 50 stickers for £2
 Legacy Guide Free
 Churches' Guide Free
 T-Shirts £12 each.
 Cotton bags £3 each.
 Picasso Greetings Cards. £2.50 for six.
 Christmas Cards, £2.50 for six.
Other CCND items available: Church Porch A4 Poster of Church quotes on Trident (free), badges (30p), enamel brooches (£1.50), window stickers (50p), pens (£1) and a history of CCND (£2.50).
 Send orders to address below. Cheques made out to Christian CND. *Please add a minimum of £1 for p&p.*

Get your Christmas cards now and avoid a rush!

£2 for a pack of six plus p&p.



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